



State of California – The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Southern Service Center  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Nature Trail Accessibility Improvements (ER # 9127)

**LOCATION:** El Capitan State Beach

**COUNTY:** Santa Barbara

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

This project will (1) reconstruct approximately 1,200 feet of an existing trail to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act; (2) as necessary, resurface designated locations along approximately 550 feet of an existing gravel maintenance road; (3) install 2 accessible benches and trail signage and (4) install approximately 55 feet of a 4-foot wide boardwalk in order to minimize impacts to a dry vegetated stream channel. Currently, the trail is located within the riparian vegetation and has caused compaction and erosion. This trail will be abandoned and decompacted to allow revegetation by native species.

DPR-approved standard project requirements have been incorporated into this project. A copy of these requirements may be obtained by submitting a request to the project Environmental Coordinator listed below.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Angeles

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))  
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section )  
☒ Categorical Exemption

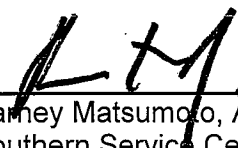
Class: 1 and 3 Section(s): 15301 and 15303

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.2. There will be negligible or no expansion of an existing use (Class 1).  
Construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures (Class 3).

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